If a channel could be cut westwards from Pampurivaikal near Mattukodu for a distance of half a mile till Palapallam, it would be useful in supplying water to 90 acres of land in the Kizhmidalam and Colachel *pakuthies*.

In conclusion, the Member submitted that the ryots were prepared to raise a substantial portion of the cost of repair of the tanks, provided an equal amount would be remitted by Government in the shape of land revenue. The Member also presented a petition on the point from the people of the Kizhkulam *pakuthi*.

Dewan's reply.—An estimate for Rs. 900 has been sanctioned for the investigation of the Tank-Restoration Scheme. The Chief Engineer will be asked to complete the investigation soon.

76. Need for opening a road connecting Venjaramudu with the Chirayinkil Valiakadai Market.

Mr. V. Kunjukrishna Pillai (Member, Chirayinkil taluk) submitted that people had to walk at present 13 miles before they got to Chirayinkil Valiakadai Market from Venjaramudu. He requested that a branch road be constructed from Kypallikonam crossing the Trivandrum–Quilon road near the 18th mile stone and ending at the 3rd mile stone on the Attungal–Chirayinkil road. The road would specially benefit 4 *pakuthies* of the taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

77. Means of communication in the Karunagapalli taluk.

Mr. P. Sankara Pillai (Member, Karunagapalli taluk) requested that the following works might be done in the taluk:—

(1) The road from Karunagapalli Taluk Cutcherry to the Kamankulangara road should be gravelled over a distance of 3 miles.

(2) The eastern portion of the road from Thamarakulam market to Ayiramthengu *via*., Oachira, for a distance of about 4½ miles was in good condition. The remaining 3½ miles from Irippakulangara should to be gravelled.

(3) The Village road from Thodiyil to Valiakavu *via* the Quilon—Kayankulam road and Kulasekharapuram should be improved. The people had done the earthwork over 3½ miles and were prepared to do the same over the remaining extent also. The gravelling should alone be done by Government.

(4) The road from Kallumkadavu to Alumkadavu, known as the Maruthukulangara road, over a distance of 4 miles, should also be improved.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

78. Means of communication in the town of Kayankulam.

Mr. K. Krishna Pillai (Member, Trading Classes, Kayankulam) urged the following needs :—

1. A boat basin and a jetty should be constructed at Kayankulam for loading and unloading goods.

2. The bazaar road should be metalled and drains constructed on either side.

3. Boats laden with goods which have to pass the dangerous Kayankulam bar capsized on account of the current at the mouth of the bar. To remove the evil, a cross-canal should be constructed from a point on the western bank of the Govindamuttam *kayal* due west to the Kayankulam lake.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

79. Desirability of increasing the facilities for communication in the Mavelikara taluk.

Mr Eapen Geevarghese (Member, Mavelikara taluk) said that great inconvenience was being felt by the people owing to the absence of bridges at Arattukadavu, Pannaikadavu, Pulikizhukadavu, Alamthuruthi, Palathunkuzhi, Podiyadi and Manipuzha on

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